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TEXT OF MEMORANDUM, EXCERPTED FROM USUN

GENERAL TALKING POINTS PAPER, DELIVERED AMB BARNES (REFTEL) IS
AS FOLLOWS:

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THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA

THE OVERALL AIM OF OUR RESOLUTION ON KOREA IS TO PROMOTE
PEACE AND STABILITY AND TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO
A DETENTE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA. WE BELIEVE THE OPPOSING RESOLUTION
IS DESTABILIZING AND COULD LEAD TO A CONFRONTATION BECAUSE OF
ITS HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS, ITS SUPPORT
OF AN UNREALISTIC NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON UNIFICATION, AND ITS
UNWARRANTED ATTACK ON US TROOP PRESENCE. WE BELIEVE THAT
COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH PEACEFUL EVOLUTION IN THE KOREAN
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PENINSULA SHOULD FIND MERIT IN OUR BASIC APPROACH. WE SEEK TO

AVOID CONTENTIOUS DEBATE IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OUR RESOLUTION (IN CONTRAST TO THAT OF THE OTHER SIDE) DOES NOT SEEK TO IMPOSE A SOLUTION ON EITHER PARTY.

WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA BE RETAINED. BECAUSE OF WORLD-WIDE IMPLICATIONS OF ANY CONFLICT ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, SECURITY ALONG THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HOWEVER FAR IT MAY BE GEOGRAPHICALLY FROM KOREA. A PREMATURE OR PRECIPITOUS MOVE BY THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGAINST THE UN COMMAND, IN THE ABSENCE OF AGREED ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, COULD IMPAIR THE VALIDITY OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT (WHICH ESTABLISHED THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE) AND ENHANCE THE RISK OF A RENEWED CONFLICT INSOFAR AS AGGRESSION MIGHT BE DEPICTED AS AN INTERNAL CONFLICT OUTSIDE THE SCOPE OF THE UNITED NATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD NOT ADDRESS THE RESOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND UNTIL ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS EXIST WHICH MIGHT BE WORKED OUT BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (WHICH SO FAR HAS SHOWN NO WILLINGNESS TO DO SO). OUR RESOLUTION IS CAREFULLY STRUCTURED TO INDICATE THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA, WHILE SIGNALLING WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS (WITHOUT, HOWEVER, INTRODUCING POSSIBLY CONTENTIOUS SPECIFICS WHICH COULD BE MORE APPROPRIATELY DISCUSSED AMONG THE PARTIES CONCERNED).

OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 4 OF OUR RESOLUTION IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF OUR WILLINGNESS TO LOOK CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE FUTURE. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TIMES HAVE CHANGED AND THAT THERE MUST BE READJUSTMENTS IN THE UN PRESENCE IN KOREA, BUT BELIEVE THAT SUCH READJUSTMENTS MUST NOT BE IMPOSED AND MUST COME THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT DESTRABILIZE THE SITUATION.

ALTHOUGH THE OTHER RESOLUTION SEEKS TO CONNECT UNCURK AND THE UN COMMAND WITH THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA, THE LATTER IS A COMPLETELY SEPARATE QUESTION AND IN OUR VIEW INAPPROPRIATE FOR A UNGA RESOLUTION. THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF US TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA IS A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE

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REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE US. THE RIGHT OF A COUNTRY TO INVITE FOREIGN TROOPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTIVE SELF-DEFENSE IS IMPLICIT IN ARTICLE 51 OF THE UN CHARTER. BOTH FAIRNESS AND RESPECT FOR THE CHARTER THUS DICTATE THAT THE UNGA NOT ATTEMPT TO TAMPER WITH SUCH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS. UNQTE SCALI

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